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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 9
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

1. At its 12th meeting, on 11 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 9)).

2. The Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Overall support was expressed for the programme, and the long-anticipated appointment of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa was welcomed. Given that an Under-Secretary-General had for some time served as both the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa and the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, information was sought on the impact that had had upon the programme.

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4. Clarification was sought as to whether the adjustments mentioned in the introductory statement of the Special Adviser, namely enhancing the role of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in ensuring synergy and coordination, in advocacy and in peace and security, as well as the type of interaction that the Office had with the Security Council in terms of peace and security issues in Africa, could be incorporated into the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015.

5. An objective assessment of the visibility of activities undertaken by the programme was requested, while it was noted that 97 per cent of the mandated, quantifiable outputs had been implemented for the biennium 2010-2011.

6. Clarification was sought as to the vision for the programme and the coordinating mechanisms that would be used to implement NEPAD programmes effectively, by leveraging and capitalizing on the objectives of each subprogramme.

7. At its fifty-first session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination, under the coordination questions on the United Nations system support for NEPAD, recommended that the United Nations system coordinate closely with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, as the technical body of the African Union, and with other structures of the African Union Commission and the Partnership in order to further strengthen the implementation of the African Union/NEPAD African Action Plan 2010-2015. In that regard, information was sought on follow-up action and the resulting outcomes.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 9, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 9.6

In subparagraph (a), replace the words "peace and development" with "economic development and peace": "(a) mobilize support and galvanize the efforts of the international community for economic development and peace in Africa".

Subprogramme 1

Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

In expected accomplishment (a), add the word "economic": "Increased international community support for Africa's economic development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular".

Strategy

Paragraph 9.11

After the words "Tokyo International Conference on African Development", add "(TICAD)".

Replace the words "the Tokyo process" with "the TICAD process": "As the co-organizer of the TICAD process ...".